

HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB
1901 Price Road
Bartlesville
Washington
Oklahoma

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Location: 1901 Price Rd, Bartlesville, Washington County, Oklahoma.
Lat: 36.71132 Long -95.95736

Significance: Designed by renowned golf course architect Perry Duke Maxwell in 1927, the course is an example of Maxwell's early work in Oklahoma. Floyd Farley redesigned nine holes of the course in 1960. Then Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay redesigned the entire course in 1985. The course has been an exclusive getaway for well-to-do citizens of Bartlesville and executives of the Phillips Petroleum Company, whose headquarters are located in Bartlesville.

History: In 1927, a group of Bartlesville citizens joined forces to bring a golf course and country club to Bartlesville. They sought out the rising golf course architect Perry Duke Maxwell to design the course. Maxwell had completed other courses in Oklahoma before this project and had built a solid reputation for successful designs. A decade later he designed the iconic Southern Hills Country Club & Golf Course in Tulsa. Among other projects that Maxwell worked on included the development of Augusta National in Georgia, Crystal Downs Country Club in Michigan, the Ohio State University Golf Course, and the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. Maxwell's specialty was capitalizing on the natural contours and the naturalistic native elements of the land in his course layouts.

The eighteen hole course was originally designed with sand greens, but after a year of play on the course the members of the country club had them changed to grass greens. At the time, the change made Hillcrest one of the few golf courses in the state with grass greens. Over the years, the course has been modified and until 1985 the circulation routes and general layout of the course retained most of the original design intent. In 1960, Floyd Farley redesigned nine holes of the course. Then in 1985, Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay redesigned the entire course. Advancements in the processes of maintaining the course are some of the major sources of change.

In addition to the course, Hillcrest Country Club also includes pool and tennis facilities, a clubhouse, restaurant, ballroom, and meeting rooms.

Sources: Hillcrest Country Club, <http://hillcrestok.com/index.php> (accessed December 9, 2009).

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18th hole, known as the signature hole on the course (Hillcrest Country Club:
<http://www.hillcrestok.com/images/sub/18-2.jpg>, accessed December 09, 2009).



11th hole (Golf Club Atlas:
<http://www.golfclubatlas.com/images/Hillcrest11ab.JPG>, accessed December 09, 2009).